

# WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

## February 9, 2011

### In Attendance:

Michael Grulke; Highway Commissioner Representative  
Specialist Steven Kraus; City of Waukesha Police Department Representative  
Lieutenant Larry LaFavor; Chairman, Traffic Safety Coordinator  
Ms. Andrea Loeffelholz; DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety  
Stacey Pierce; Wisconsin DOT Highway Engineering Representative  
Sergeant Kenneth Pileggi; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Larry LaFavor at 2:06 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Specialist Steven Kraus, of the City of Waukesha Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes; and Sergeant Kenneth Pileggi, of the Village of Mukwonago Police Department, seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved.

### NEW MEETING DATE

It was decided upon to change the meetings from the second Wednesday of the month (quarterly) to the third Tuesday of the month (quarterly).

### TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

#### Weekly Fatality Report – Sunday, February 6, 2011

There were 518 accidents reported year-to-date and 563 fatalities, as opposed to 488 accidents in 2009 and 542 fatalities. The five-year average for accidents was 572 with fatalities being 628. There have been 4 more driver fatalities, 5 more pedestrian fatalities, and 3 more pedestrian fatalities than last year.

#### Wisconsin Department Of Transportation - Drivers and Vehicles

This included statistics of fatalities by county as of January 30, 2011. Waukesha County reported zero in year-to-date statistics.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT CONTINUED

U.S. Falls Behind Other Nations in Reducing Traffic Fatalities and Injuries

This report identifies safety strategies that could succeed in the United States. It states that two enforcement tools widely credited with fatality reductions in other countries – automatic enforcement of speed limits and frequent roadside sobriety checks – are not common in the United States because of legal restrictions, popular opposition, and cost considerations.

Night Driving is Biggest Danger for Teen Drivers, Study Says

Use of cell phones shown to present big risk for drivers, too. Data compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show that the crash rate per mile driven for 16-year-olds is almost 10 times the rate for drivers 30 to 59, and that teens killed at night are less likely to be wearing seat belts. About 6,000 teenagers die in car crashes each year.

Preliminary Year-End 2009 Crash Statistics

The Wisconsin Department Of Transportation Traffic Accident Database includes alcohol-related, speed-related, pedestrian, bicycle, school bus, and deer crashes.

Drinks Stir Dialogue

Some health researchers say that consuming caffeine and alcohol opens up the risk of alcohol-related injuries.

No Seat Belts in 42% of Fatal Police Car Crashes

At least 42% of police officers killed in vehicle crashes over the past three decades were not wearing seat belts or other safety restraints, according to a federal review.

SE Region Construction Map

A handout was passed out which included dates, locations, and work to be done on upcoming construction projects in Waukesha County and surrounding counties.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

❖ Highway Commission

Michael Grulke stated the signage will be re-evaluated for the Highway P bridge in Mapleton. He also stated there is a county-wide effort for school zone signing. Speed limits in the county will be evaluated. There are several county projects for 2011, including: Racine and Woods in Muskego, CTH D and Calhoun in New Berlin, and Silver Spring from Mary Drive to Pilgrim in Menomonee Falls. Grulke also stated that I-94 from Highway 16 to Milwaukee County will be difficult to drive on until mid-June, due to repaving and fixing of bridges.

❖ Village of Mukwonago

Sergeant Pileggi stated that Highway 83 will be shut down on March 15 to install a roundabout on Highway I and Highway 83.

NEW BUSINESS

The Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer's Association will hold its annual training conference for traffic safety professionals on March 7 through 9, 2011, at the Chula Vista Resort and Conference Center.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Waukesha Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Specialist Steven Kraus, of the City of Waukesha Police Department, made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Lieutenant Larry LaFavor, Chairman of the Traffic Safety Commission. The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich  
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

**(MINUTES APPROVED ON 08-16-11)**